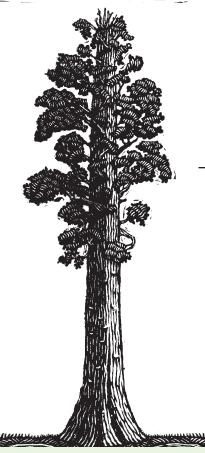
# WELCOME TO SEQUOIA & KINGS CANYON



PHONE NUMBERS

**EMERGENCY — DIAL 911** No coins needed.

24-Hour Park Information 1-559-565-3341 (NPS) www.nps.gov/seki

**National Forest Information** 1-559-338-2251 (USFS) www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia

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## **RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT IN THE PARKS**

This summer you may start to see the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in action here. ARRA provides funds important, shovel-ready maintenance projects needed by the parks. Five ARRA projects here represent an investment of more than \$11 million in these parks:

- The largest project entails replacing drinking-water tanks and improving fire suppression systems at headquarters. We are replacing a system from the 1930s and 1940s, and adding a generator so that water systems can function during power outages.
- Crystal Cave will get quieter, more energy-efficient lighting via a photovoltaic system rather than the old generator. This benefits cave tours as well as the cave itself.
- Crews will rebuild storm-caused damage on the Kennedy Pass Trail in western Kings Canyon Park, where a severe rainstorm last summer carved a large gully on trail switchbacks. They will also rebuild trail damage from the Tehipite Fire and will clear
- A fifth project involves replacing mandatory compliance-monitoring components of the parks' five wastewater treatment plants and 17 potable water systems.

### FEES HELP YOUR PARKS!

Most of your entrance and camping fees stay here. The parks invest them in improving visitor facilities and protecting park resources. Fees have paid for repairing and upgrading roads, campgrounds, trails, picnic areas, and restrooms. They have improved visitor centers, updated exhibits, and modernized naturalist slide programs.

#### **ENTRANCE FEE OPTIONS**

- 7-day pass for Sequoia & Kings Canyon, and for Hume Lake District of Sequoia National Forest/Giant Sequoia National **Monument (GSNM)**: \$20 per vehicle (private, non-commercial) or \$10 per person on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or bus.
- •12-Month Pass for Sequoia & Kings Canyon, and for Hume Lake District of Sequoia National Forest/GSNM: \$30 admits all passengers in a private vehicle for one year from month of purchase. Not valid at Crystal Cave.
- •12-Month: America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass: Cost \$80. Valid for entrance fees at Federal recreation sites including National Parks, National Forests, FWS, BLM, & Bureau of Reclamation. Admits all passengers in a single private non-commercial vehicle where per-vehicle fees are charged, or the passholder plus up to 3 persons (age 16 & older) for perperson fee areas, for 12 months. Not valid at Crystal Cave.
- Seniors: America the Beautiful Interagency Pass: \$10 onetime fee buys a lifetime pass for entrance fees for U.S. citizens & permanent residents 62 or over. (Previously issued Golden Age passes remain valid.) Not valid at Crystal Čave.
- Accessibility: America the Beautiful Interagency Access Pass: Free to blind or permanently disabled U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Take appropriate documentation to any park visitor center. (Previously issued Golden Access passes remain valid.) Not valid at Crystal Cave.

# WELCOME

Borrow the park map & guide in Braille at visitor centers.

# BIENVENUE

Une guide officielle est disponible dans les centres d'information.

# BIENVENIDOS

Hay un folleto en Español disponible en los centros de visita.

#### WILKOMMEN

Eine Landkarte ist auch in deutscher sprache im Besucher- zentrum erhaltlich.

#### BENVENUTI

La traduzione in lingua Italiana della mappa e' disponibile in tutti i centri di informazioni.

# PARK, FOREST, **OR MONUMENT?**

What is the difference between Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Sequoia National Forest, and Giant Sequoia National Monument?

Each is on federal land. Each exists to benefit society. Yet each has a different history and purpose. Together they provide a wide spectrum of uses.

National parks strive to keep landscapes unimpaired for future generations. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE They protect natural and historic features while offering lighton-the-land recreation. Park rangers work for the National Park Service, part of

the Department of the Interior. National forests, managed under a "multiple use" concept, provide services and commodities that may include lumber, cattle grazing, minerals, as well as

recreation with and without vehicles. Forest rangers work for the U.S. Forest Service, an agency in the Department of Agriculture.

Both agencies manage wilderness and other areas where they strive for maximum protection of natural resources. For example, part of Sequoia National Forest has been designated Giant Sequoia National Monument to emphasize protection of sequoias.

Parks, forests, and monuments may have different rules in order to meet their goals. Read "Where can I..." on the next page to learn what activities are permitted where. Despite confusion over names, we get a wide range of benefits from these diverse areas.